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ABSTRACT

5 A finial support arrangement is provided for window coverings and  
the like, including a hollow ended support rod or tube, a support sleeve lodged  
within the rod, and a decorative finial supported in and by the sleeve. The finial  
includes a support post that is force or interference fitted into the sleeve. The  
sleeve, in turn, is force or interference fitted into the tube. The sleeve is made of  
a material that is softer than the support post and may be deformed during  
insertion of the post. The arrangement is particularly useful for supporting cast or  
10 wrought metal finials in rigid support tubes or rods, and alleviates the need for  
close tolerances on either the tube interior diameter or the support post outer  
diameter that would otherwise be needed to provide the desired interference fit.